

	Rural Feel	Environment	Excellence
Buildings	discourage mega structures	require energy impact on new development	
	reuse old buildings	energy star ratings for buildings	
	disguise modern buildings		
	encourage village style clustering - that encourage demographic diversity		
	discourage mega structures		
	encourage deeper building set backs		
	more concentrated use of areas		
	bifurcating single family homes to two family homes		
	distributed economic zones		
	encourage small villages		
	green buildings ' smaller more efficient		
	house with porches		
zoning	purchase open space land	purchase open spaces	requirement for renewal resource plans
	encourage new rural	mixed use developments	town wide resource impact analysis
	work with planners on 101 corridor	zoning and intent to provide environments for humans and wildlife	zoning for professional uses
	home occupations	encourage multi regional or multi national wildlife monitoring or protection	consolidation of lots in commercial area
	tax friendly to holders of rural icons	assess traffic and pedestrian efficiency vs. just capacity	allow low impact business everywhere
	encourage animals, farms, geese	require amphibian protection on all new construction	adopt smart growth principles
	control of speed limits	special assessment districts for environmental improvements	part of approval process to include life cycle cost analysis (not just dollars)
	protect open spaces -- like protect 101 - designated scenic route	sustainability LEED LEED LEED	encourage mixed uses
	design standards on 101 A could be more rural		
	stop strip mall development		
roads	encourage narrow roads	sensible road design for non-vehicular use of rights of way	

	adoption of scenic roads	standards set for temp impact to large area parking areas -- stop paving over Amherst	
	creation of traffic diversions	design roads to limit chemical de icing	
	reduce road pavement standards		
	resist putting center lines down roads		
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	limit curbs and sidewalks		
open space			
	preserve open spaces " i.e. meadows, etc..	Involvement in Green Committee -- initiatives for energy conservations	
	education on value of open space	explore tax exempt for green technology -- geo thermal, wind etc...	
	Protect old barns, stone walls, encourage narrow roads, encourage	explore creation of green industrial part district	
	foster agriculture - geese with roads	provide residents and business suggestions for reducing there foot prints	
	open fields and ridge tops		
	big trees and big forests	massive impact fees for dev virgin lands	
	encourage trail system for foot - bike - non-motorized	put the same priority on up land protection as we do on wet lands	
	creation of walking connectors	community gardens	
	water and field vistas	stop all pesticide use	
	absence of light pollution	encourage locally grown fruits and veggies	
	protect wildlife corridors	reward preservation of land (tax relieve)	
	provide contiguous open space and subsidize it	require native species in landscaping	
	protect baboosic lake water quality	place a premium or incentive of woods vs. lawns	
	develop Peabody mill center -- partner with our schools and others	smaller home sizes -- less	
	proactive on NBAFS decommissioning	less lawn	
	farmers market	acquisition of NBAFS land for conservation --	
	reduce taxes on qualified - working farms	conservation overlay of NBAFS	

	community gardens	multi modal trail system	
education		explore opportunities with Joppa hill farms for agriculture education	keep schools at high level
		continue and expand environmental education in schools and Peabody mills	teach civics earlier in school --
		enhance and expand conservation biology programs at high school to more in the community	stress nature of what it is to be a citizen in the town
		consider dividing town into smaller school service areas -- neighborhood to school	take unified K-16 focus to the schools -- instead of trifurcated thought process - instead of two districts plus college
			13th year alternative for schools - between high school and college and getting college credit
govt		make town a model for recycle etc... (town hall and paper etc...	provide pros cons and future impacts of warrants
		energy efficiency in town facilities	reinstate town meeting
		reduce duplication of services	make zoning a model for the state
		commit town to sound practices to energy standards, vehicle etc...	provide more space in town for meetings
			share services / departments with other towns
			excellence / transparency of gov't
			% of voters go above 31% -- phone calls etc.... More participation
			change to get supporting environment around town gov't
			charter commission to study replace SB2 and town meeting
			open office hours for reps / selectmen / schools
			town forum - i.e. state of the town

			reports and updates to town via mailer and web
			\$1000 tax penalty for not voting
			rigorous design town standards rigorously enforced
			require sustainability for all town buildings LEED
			require involvement in regional and national discussions around best practices
emissions		vehicle taxes to gas mileage	
		car pool to school	
		focus on CO2 and how we decrease -- zoning for solar panels and wind power	
		prohibit heavy trucks on non-state routes	
		walking centers -- so you don't have to use cars	
		work with others to PSNH to clean up plants now	
		create vehicle free zones	
		support mass transit -- reestablish buses on 101A - rail line	
		explore LED street lighting	
water		testing requirements for grounds near highly developed areas	
		reduce salt usage in winter	
		work with NH DES and Amherst DPW to develop sewer capacity	
		water use fee for folks on Pennichuck -- to protect the water that they are using	
		understand laws of the town on our water resources	
		understand laws on why we can't use Milford sewers and water treatment plant	

		Continue to protect to water (ground and surface) thru zoning and education -- expand current zoning	
		purchase part of Penn water	
		procedures for mitigation of wet land -- zoning high way const etc...	
		funding for aquifer protection	
		recognize water as limited resource --	
		recognize water (as the new wine) as the limited resource that it is	
		toughen water protections	
		study water rights -- connect with others	
		require periodic analysis of private water wells and reporting	
		require the pretreatment of all septic discharges -- for new and replacement systems	
		low impact development dev to protect water quality	
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recycling		mandatory recycling	make PEMC a leading site and center in the state
			recycle, reuse and share
			encourage green technology and renewable energy
			commitment by community to sustainable green buildings
cultural			create a fund for the arts
			enhance the library and museums
			community center for speaker plays

			cultural exchange -- pick another city or students sister city
			adopt best practices of music arts theater sports etc....
			make Amherst a destination -- center of arts, ideas etc.... Encourage and attract young people to come / participate
			have open forum discussion groups -- with locals to lead
			Sat Sun AM hangouts -- places we could walk to
			support focus groups in things we want to show leadership -- have them be annual events
			regular and commemorative and substantive events of Amherst history
			encourage and incent spaces for arts, rec etc.....
			endowment funding for the schools and school programs
			encourage more town programs that people participate in -- i.e. the fun fair , ext 4th of July
			engage HS, students and faculty and curr in the town
			make it easier for young adults to get involved
			provide entry level experiences
			encourage activities that get people into the schools and students into local businesses